



Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

PN3(SW) Marcus Lee



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PN3(SW) Marcus Lee checks for an SAT exam. Lee is assigned to the Educational Services Office (ESO).

Many Sailors are preparing for a single exam to be administered in the next three weeks but today's Sailor of the Day has been preparing for more than 1,400 Navy advancement exams.

PN3(SW) Marcus Lee, the Navy exam coordinator for the Educational Services Office (ESO), has been a part of the "Gold Eagle" for almost four years and says he enjoys helping out other Sailors.

"He is a great person to work with," said PN1(SW/AW) Michael Hill, the ESO office LPO. "He is the backbone of this office for Navy advancement."

His job does not stop once the advancement exam is over. Lee also ensures the crew has a chance to work on other personal achievements.

"Seeing the way my job can help improve the lives of the crew is rewarding," said Lee, who also assisted with the administration of more than 110 CLEP exams, 20 ASVABs, 16 SATs and 44 ASSET tests in the month of February.

During this deployment, Lee has decided to continue his off-duty education by taking college classes when not studying for his own advancement exam and also become dual warfare qualified by earning his EAWS qualification.

Lee is also responsible for the department's website and is training two junior personnel recently assigned to the ESO office in keeping with the standards needed for advancement and off-duty education programs.

"The Vinson has been like an extended family," said Lee, who will be taking flight from the nest, and moving closer to his birthplace of Galveston, Texas later this year. "I have orders to the Enlisted Placement Management Center (EPMAC) in New Orleans, La.," a location where he hopes to be able to spend some quality time with his wife Karlisha, be closer to his family in Texas and to be able to finish his degree in General Studies.



Lee debates with PN1(SW/AW) Michael Hill and PNSN Christopher Thomas over which Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) schools are the best. SOC schools accept military agreements and credits.



Lee was responsible for establishing an examination database, ensuring eligibility, ordering exams and preparing the seating chart for more than 1,400 Sailors who will be taking the advancement exam this month.

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